



Guidelines for Marriage



TABLE VIEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

Requirements for Marriage

Couples are to observe the following:

1. It is also important to attend the marriage preparation classes first.
2. Then give 6months notice of their intention to the Parish Priest first before setting a wedding date.

Couples must provide the following:

1. Baptismal Certificates (issued within the last 6 months)
2. Confirmation Certificate
3. Copies of their ID's (card or book)
4. 3 Colour ID Photographs each of the Bride and of the Groom.
5. Copies of the ID's of their two witnesses.
6. On those copies, they must write the witnesses telephone numbers.
7. Copy of the Notice of Ante Nuptial Contract if there is one.
8. If from another Parish/Church a Letter of Freedom from the priest or pastor is to be provided.
9. Divorcees must provide their Final Decree of Separation and their Letter of Annulment of the Church.
10. Widows or Widowers must also provide the Death Certificate of his/her late spouse.
11. Details of Surname after Marriage for the Bride.
12. Details of current occupation and of highest education level attained.

Guidelines for Wedding Liturgies

The following guidelines have been developed to help couples in all their preparation for their wedding in the Parish of the Resurrection. These guidelines offer guidance and uniformity with regard to music, décor and photography which is integral to all Catholic liturgies.

1. Among the many signs and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance. As sacred song united to words it forms an integral part of the solemn liturgy. Yet the function of music is ministerial; it must serve and never dominate. Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith. It should heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively. The quality of joy and enthusiasm which music adds to community worship cannot be gained in any other way. It imparts a sense of unity to the congregation and sets the appropriate tone for a particular celebration (Music in Catholic Worship #23).

While the celebration of the marriage rite is an intensely personal event, it is more than a personal or private function. This ceremony takes place in the presence of a community of worshipers in the Catholic Church. The worshipers feel a natural desire to join in this event and to express their support, joy and faith through prayers, acclamation and songs. Music at any worship service is integral to the purpose of the rite. Consequently, music should be chosen to express and support this fundamental understanding of the ceremony of marriage. However personally meaningful some music may be to the couple, the principle that governs its sacredness and consequent acceptability is this religious aspect of the wedding as distinct from the social reception for family and friends.

The essential principle to be kept in mind is that music is a part of the liturgy. Thus, the compositions that are sung, the persons who sing them and the times they are sung are to be in accord with the liturgy that is being celebrated and with the general principles of the liturgy.

To help determine the appropriateness of any given piece of music, the following questions should be of any given piece of music, the following question should be asked: Does the music in question bring to mind associations of the theatre, opera, movies, commercials, television shows, or other secular connections? If so, it is probably not a suitable choice for the liturgy, although it might be very appropriate at the reception.

2. Décor

When decorating the church, please ensure that the floral arrangement will not obstruct the view of neither the celebrant nor the assembly ie too big a composition in front of the altar or the ambo from which the readings are done.



NO petals of flowers or any other material must be thrown down the aisle as the bridal party enters the church. Confetti will only be allowed outside the church and we hope that they will be biodegradable in your choice of confetti so as to take into consideration month earth. **NO** confetti at the entrance to the main door. **NO** Petals at the entrance of the main doors.





WEDDING INFORMATION OF BRIDE AND

Place of Marriage: _____ Date of Marriage: _____

BRIDEGROOM

Surname: _____

Christian Names: _____

Names and religion of parents

(state if either is a member of an Eastern-rite Catholic Church)

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

Citizenship: _____

Identity/Passport No: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Martial Status: _____

Address at time of marriage: _____

Tel No: _____

Email address: _____

Address after marriage: _____

Religious affiliation: _____

Parish Congregation: _____

Baptism date, church, place: _____

Confirmation: _____

Witness to Marriage: _____

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Nupt at Mass: _____

BRIDE

Surname: _____

Christian Names: _____

Names and religion of parents

(state if either is a member of an Eastern-rite Catholic Church)

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Mother's maiden name: _____

Citizenship: _____

Identity/Passport No: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Martial Status: _____

Address at time of marriage: _____

Tel No: _____

Email address: _____

Address after marriage: _____

Religious affiliation: _____

Parish Congregation: _____

Baptism date, church, place: _____

Confirmation: _____

Witness to Marriage: _____

3. Photography and video cameras

You are most welcome to make use of cameras to immortalise this memorable event in your lives. We kindly ask of you to inform the official photographers not to use flash photography during the ceremony and to be extremely discreet so as not to be a nuisance and distract the bride and groom and the guests from the true meaning of what is celebrated. Only those assigned to take photos will be allowed to do so. Please inform your guests of this so as not to turn the celebration into a paparazzi event.

Discretion should also be used on the part of the photographers. The sanctuary is **OFF LIMITS** unless invited by the celebrant to approach at key moments to take photographs.

The preparation of a wedding liturgy is at once a profoundly beautiful opportunity for Christian witness and catechesis, as well as a delicate task of balancing human sensitivities. It requires time and effort, sensitive prudence and cooperation.





Archdiocese of Cape Town



Centre for Pastoral Development

MARRIAGE COURSES January - July 2023

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES (PARISH-BASED)

Most parish-based groups do not have fixed dates, but operate as the need arises. Please contact the following for more information:

Athlone	Parish office	021 696 6713	athlone@adct.org.za
Belgravia	Fr Godfrey Solomon	021 637 6938	belgravia@adct.org.za
Belhar	Deacon Arthur Johannes	021 953 3147	belhar@adct.org.za
Bothasig	Natalie & Nicholas Dyers	082 572 3068	nicholasdyers@gmail.com
	<i>Wednesday evenings. 22 February - 29 March and 16 August - 20 September.</i>		
Delft	Henry & Bertha Benson	084 951 6811	bensonhenry@gmail.com
Grassy Park	Alvin & Melanie Randall	072 503 6715	randallalvin@gmail.com
	<i>8 March - 19 April 2023 and 27 September - 01 November 2023.</i>		
Kleinvele	Derrick & Sharon George	082 926 6058	sharongeorge361@gmail.com
Kuilsriver	Parish office	021 903 6961	kuilsriver@adct.org.za
Lansdowne	Zandra & Trevor van Kesteren	074 874 6520	vankesterenzandra@gmail.com
	<i>13 February - 20 March 2023 and 04 September - 9 October 2023.</i>		
Lavistown	Parish office	021 934 2387	lavistown@adct.org.za
Matroosfontein	Veronica & Warren Petersen	082 798 5361	warren@nomgomo.co.za
Milnerton/Brooklyn	Parish office	021 551 1756	milnerton@adct.org.za
Plumstead	Rowena & Mario Simons	082 302 0770	rasmvs@gmail.com
	<i>Tuesdays 19:00 - 21:30. 24 January - 07 March 2023 and 17 October - 28 November 2023 (provisional).</i>		
Retreat	Connie and Henry Peterson	083 279 1083	retreat@adct.org.za
Rocklands	Bradley Atchesen	083 607 3681	bradley@crazybolt.co.za
Steenberg	Bruce and Lavona May	083 675 3513	bruce.may@concor.co.za
	Rene and Sonia De La Cruz	083 299 3907	sonia@getgohomeloans.com
	<i>Wednesdays 19:00. 19 April - 24 May, 19 July - 23 August, 18 October - 22 November 2023.</i>		
Tableview	Deacon Gary Lawrence	083 693 3214	revgarylawrence@gmail.com

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES (WEEKENDS)

Catholic Engaged Encounter: 18-19 February, 24-25 June, 16-17 September, 18-19 November 2023

Venue: Salesian Institute 2 Somerset Road, Green Point, Tel: 021 425 1450. Cost: R650.00 per couple (Please note this is a sleep out weekend).

Booking Couple: Craig and Jacinta Daniels, WhatsApp: 073 520 5501, Email address: bookings.ceecapetown@gmail.com.

Coordinating Couple: Ronald and Ursula Sobotker, WhatsApp: 079 486 5630.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (ONLINE)

The Australian “Smart Loving” programme offers an online course. The link to their website is: <https://smartloving.org/product/smartloving-courses-africa/> (Please note that this link is only intended for participants living in the Archdiocese of Cape Town and is heavily discounted compared to the regular price of the course). The course is designed over 9 lessons of approximately 90 minutes each and should be spaced to take around 2 to 3 months. The cost involved is 5 Australian \$ (ca. R60) and requires access to the internet and the possibility to print the PDF workbook provided. They also offer courses for marriage enrichment, fertility, and support to struggling marriages.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Marriage Encounter: Graham & Patuele Maart 076 930 3818 & 084 502 3805, Janice Fortes 081 355 1304, marriage.encounter@gmail.com.

SmartLoving “Marriage Kit” online course: smartloving.org/product/smartloving-courses-africa/

Alpha: themarriagecourse.org, contact@alphasa.co.za, 021 276 2077.

There will be a Alpha Marriage Course at Lansdowne from 18 April - 30 May 2023. Cost R220 per couple. Please contact Michelle or Angelo Davies via WhatsApp on 071 220 2695 or 064 864 5447.

STRUGGLING OR BROKEN MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille: helpourmarriage.org, coord.retroct@gmail.com, 074 175 7523.

SmartLoving “BreakThrough” online course: smartloving.org/product/smartloving-courses-africa/

PARENTING

There is material for Parenting Skills courses available at the Chancery. Please contact Fr Dominic Helmboldt (adctfamily@gmail.com) or the Centre for Pastoral Development (021 462 2417).

SEPARATED OR DIVORCED AS WELL AS ANNULMENTS AND REMARRIAGE WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

No programmes running currently. Please contact Fr Dominic Helmboldt (adctfamily@gmail.com).

SINGLE MOTHERS

Kolping Society of SA, SPARK programme for single mothers from low socio-economic areas. For more infos: <https://kolpingsa.co.za/spark-3/>, 021 975 9722, nationalcoordinator@kolpingsa.co.za.

NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

The new statutes for PPCs aim at electing or appointing members to different portfolios. One of these has the responsibility for Marriage and Family described as follows:

“Section 4 - Marriage and Family

To conduct programmes and activities for the strengthening of family life in the parish in collaboration with Archdiocesan initiatives such as:

- 4.1 Marriage preparation, enrichment, including support for newly-weds and struggling marriages.
- 4.2 Parenting skills, including support for single parents and others in challenging family situations.
- 4.3 Care for the divorced and remarried.”

I would be grateful if those parishes that have not yet been contacted by me could forward their representatives to me via email, please (adctfamily@gmail.com).

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Please note, that in alignment with the decision taken by our Archdioceses, Catholic Engaged Encounter will not be accepting any couples, on our marriage preparation weekends, whose wedding date is within six months of their marriage preparation weekend. They should **first attend the marriage preparation classes** and then give the church 6months of their wedding date.

Please send all bookings requests, and requests for weekend information to: bookings.ceecapetown@gmail.com

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